

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Office for its withdrawal of the previous rejections.

In the current Action, Claims 1, 3-13, 15-20 and 22-43 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 10, 11, 16, 18-20, 23-33 and 41-43 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22 and 34-40 are newly rejected. Currently, Claims 1, 5, 36 and 37 are amended. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration for the reasons given below.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

(1) Claims 1, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22 and 34-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement and for lack of enablement. In particular, the Office expressed concerns regarding Applicant's use of "at least two guide bars". In an effort to advance prosecution, and without disclaimer, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 36, and 37 to recite *at least three guide bars*. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the instant rejections.

(2) Claims 1, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22 and 34-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 for indefiniteness.

The Office states that the independent claims' recitation of "front stitches" lacks antecedent basis. Applicant thanks the Office for its recognition of this informality and has replaced the recitation of *the front stitches* with the recitation of *the fabric* in Claims 1, 36, and 37.

The Office states that the independent claims' recitation of "the stitch evaded yarn" lacks antecedent basis. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 36 and 37 to recite *the stitch evaded portion of the second yarn*. Applicants believe this amendment sufficiently addresses the Office's concerns.

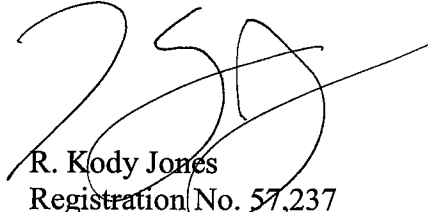
The Office has concerns regarding the use of *performance* and *stretch*. Applicants have amended the claims to delete the recitations of concern.

For the reasons above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the instant rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If, however, any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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